

Combined Form PTO/SB/08A&B

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/527,816
Confirmation Number	6450
Filing Date	March 14, 2005
First Named Inventor	Takenori OHSHITA et al.
Art Unit	3679
Examiner Name	Unknown BINKA
Attorney Docket Number	043207

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)		
B	1	US 2005/0192107	A1	09-01-2005	Toriumi et al.
B	2	US 6,471,595	B1	10-29-2002	Neviani
B	3	US 2004/0056434	A1	03-25-2004	Wolf et al.
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			

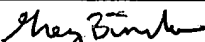
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Translation ⁴
		Country Code ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ² (if known)			
B	4	JP	2004-211850	A	07-29-2004	Toyo Tire & Rubber Co.	Abstract
B	5	JP	2004-316694	A	11-11-2004	Mihama Inc.	Abstract
B	6	JP	2004-211849	A	07-29-2004	Toyo Tire & Rubber Co.	Abstract

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation ⁴

Examiner Signature



Date Considered

12-19-06

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number	New Application
Filing Date	March 14, 2005
First Named Inventor	Takenori OHSITA
Art Unit	3679
Examiner Name	BINO A
Attorney Docket Number	043207

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ²
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
B		JP-2-22463	02-14-1990	Toyo Tire & Rub		
B		JP-11-13883	01-22-1999	Marugo Rubber		✓
B		JP-2002-340013	11-27-2002	Toyoda Gosei Co		✓
B		JP-9-96319	04-08-1997	Keeper Co. Ltd.		✓
B		EP-0 915 264 A2	05-12-1999	Draftex Industr		✓
B		JP-2003-329059	11-19-2003	Toyo Tire & Rub		✓

Examiner Signature	<i>Meg Burdo</i>	Date Considered	12-19-06
-----------------------	------------------	--------------------	----------

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.